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Kansas January Cattle Inventory Up 5 Percent

All cattle and calves on Kansas farms and ranches on January 1, 2004 totaled 6.65 million head, up 5 percent from the January 1, 2003 level of 6.35 million head. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 1.66 million, were up 2 percent from a year earlier. **Beef cow** inventory was estimated at 1.55 million, up 2 percent from last year's revised level of 1.52 million head. **Milk cows**, at 110,000 head, were down 2 percent when compared to the revised January 1, 2003 level. **Bulls over 500** pounds totaled 95,000 head, up 5,000 head from last year. **Beef replacement heifers**, at 230,000 head, were down 8 percent from the previous year. **Milk replacement heifers**, at 80,000 head, increased 60 percent from last year. **Other heifers over 500 pounds** increased 2 percent from last year's level of 1.62 million head. **Steers over 500 pounds**, at 2.18 million head, were up 11 percent from the previous year's number. As of January 1, 2004 there were 2.48 million head on feed for the slaughter market, 11 percent more than the previous January. **Calves under 500 pounds** totaled 755,000 head, 2 percent above the January 1, 2003 figure of 740,000 head. The 2003 **calf crop**, at 1.55 million head, was up 3 percent from last year.

U.S. Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2004, totaled 94.9 million head, 1 percent below the 96.1 million on January 1, 2003. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 41.9 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2003. **Beef cows**, at 32.86 million, were down slightly from January 1, 2003. **Milk cows**, at 8.99 million, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2003. Other class estimates on January 1, 2004, and the changes from January 1, 2003 are as follows: **all heifers 500 pounds and over**, 19.3 million, down 1 percent; **beef replacement heifers**, 5.52 million, down 2 percent; **milk replacement heifers**, 4.02 million, down 2 percent; **other heifers**, 9.80 million, down 1 percent; **steers weighing 500 pounds and over**, 16.3 million, down 2 percent; **bulls weighing 500 pounds and over**, 2.21 million, down 2 percent; **calves under 500 pounds**, 15.2 million, down 2 percent; and **all cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots**, 13.8 million, up 4 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots, was 27.5 million, down 4 percent. The 2003 **calf crop** was estimated at 37.9 million head, down 1 percent from 2002. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.7 million, down 1 percent from 2002.

Cattle inventory value and value per head will be published in the Agricultural Prices report on February 27, 2004.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, January 1, 2002-2004				
Class	2002	2003	2004	% of Prev. Yr.
	1,000 Head		Percent	
KANSAS				
Cattle and Calves	6,600	6,350	6,650	105
Cows & Heifers That Have Calved	1,600	1,630	1,660	102
Beef Cows	1,505	1,518	1,550	102
Milk Cows	95	112	110	98
Heifers 500 Pounds & Over	1,920	1,920	1,960	102
For Beef Cow Replacement	230	250	230	92
Expected to Calve <u>1</u> /	155	165	150	91
For Milk Cow Replacement	40	50	80	160
Expected to Calve <u>1</u> /	32	30	50	167
Other Heifers	1,650	1,620	1,650	102
Steers 500 Pounds & Over	2,280	1,970	2,180	111
Bulls 500 Pounds & Over	85	90	95	106
Calves Under 500 Pounds	715	740	755	102
Calf Crop <u>2</u> /	1,480	1,510	1,550	103
Cattle on Feed	2,530	2,240	2,480	111
UNITED STATES				
Cattle and Calves	96,704	96,100	94,882	99
Cows & Heifers That Have Calved	42,229	42,125	41,851	99
Beef Cows	33,118	32,983	32,860	100
Milk Cows	9,112	9,142	8,991	98
Heifers 500 Pounds & Over	19,678	19,628	19,341	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,561	5,624	5,517	98
Expected to Calve <u>1</u> /	3,425	3,548	3,492	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,060	4,114	4,020	98
Expected to Calve <u>1</u> /	2,798	2,877	2,761	96
Other Heifers	10,057	9,891	9,804	99
Steers 500 Pounds & Over	16,790	16,554	16,280	98
Bulls 500 Pounds & Over	2,244	2,248	2,206	98
Calves Under 500 Pounds	15,763	15,545	15,204	98
Calf Crop <u>2</u> /	38,280	38,224	37,903	99
Cattle on Feed	13,860	13,220	13,811	104

1/ Replacement heifers expected to calve during the year. 2/ Calf crop is for the previous year.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, July 1, 2002-2003			
Class	2002	2003	% of Prev. Yr.
	1,000 Head		Percent
KANSAS			
Cattle and Calves	6,550	6,600	101
Cows & Heifers That Have Calved	1,650	1,670	101
Beef Cows	1,543	1,560	101
Milk Cows	107	110	103
UNITED STATES			
Cattle and Calves	105,100	103,900	99
Cows & Heifers That Have Calved	42,900	42,700	100
Beef Cows	33,750	33,600	100
Milk Cows	9,150	9,100	99
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,200	15,900	98
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,600	4,600	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,700	3,600	97
Other Heifers	7,900	7,700	97
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,500	14,200	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	29,400	29,000	99
Cattle on Feed	12,500	11,810	94